

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings, and versions, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for preventing the shrinkage of woolen or wool blend fabrics during water washing treatment, comprising:

impregnating the fabric of interest with a reducing product (compound A); and
after suitable mechanical and drying treatment, subsequently contacting the resulting fabric with a blend of products comprising at least one compound selected from each of the following groups:

vinyllic and acrylic resins, ethylene vinyl acetates, blocked or non-blocked isocyanates, and blocked or non-blocked in water and solvents polyisocyanates (group B);
blocked or non-blocked in water and solvents polyisocyanates (group C); and
silicon emulsions, macro-emulsions, and cationic fabric conditioners (group D).

2. (Previously Presented) The method for preventing the shrinkage of woolen or wool blend fabrics according to claim 1, wherein the reducing compound (A) consists of one or more compounds selected from sulfites, di-sulfites, and formiates.

3. (Previously Presented) The method for preventing the shrinkage of woolen or wool blend fabrics according to claim 1, wherein the products selected from the compound A, and from the groups B, C and D, each as single compounds or as blends of more compounds, are put in contact with the fabric to be treated in a total amount of up to 50% by weight with respect to the total weight of the fabric.

4. (Currently Amended) The method for preventing the shrinkage of woolen or wool blend fabrics according to claim 1, wherein the two treatments with the compound A and with the blend of compounds selected from the groups B, C, and D are carried out at ~~temperatures a~~ temperature ranging from 20 to 100°C.

5. (Previously Presented) A blend of compounds to be used in a treatment for preventing the shrinkage of woolen or wool blend fabrics during water washing operations, comprising at least one compound selected from each of the following groups:

vinyllic and acrylic resins, ethylene vinyl acetates, blocked or non-blocked iso-cyanates, and blocked or non-blocked in water and solvents polyisocyanates;

blocked or non-blocked in water and solvents polyisocyanates; and

silicon emulsions, macro-emulsions, and cationic fabric conditioners.

6. (New) The method for preventing the shrinkage of woolen or wool blend fabrics according to claim 1, further comprising the step of exerting a pressure of 40-50 bar on the fabric after impregnating the fabric with the reducing product (compound A).